

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES – NEWPORT COUNTY
3 AUGUST 2020

Attendees: Mike Slein, Mike White, Peg Murray, Len DiLorenzo, Walt Wasowski, Pat Burke, Roy Callahan, Tony Cercena, Tom Feeney, Anne Huot, Jean Peterson, Rich Rainer, Rod Smith, Mark Turner, Rob Winneg.

Meeting called to order by Acting President Mike Slein at 1700.

Appreciation to: Walt Wasowski for the multiple complex data bases upkeep and accuracy (G Mail, Constant Contact, Membership list.)

To Len DiLorenzo for assuming Membership Chair lead.

To Rod Smith for Phase I website installation.

Mail Call – None

Reports

1. Secretary - Minutes of 6 July were distributed and approved.
2. Treasurer – Motion to accept as distributed by Tom Feeney and seconded by Anne Huot.
3. Membership – Len will follow up with Navy League National and access multiple different data bases. Action to review lists and work on renewals. A total of 206 on roster list, of which we have 132 e mail addresses. Also have up to date zip codes and many current telephone numbers. Len and Walt will develop outreach program and use e mails to be sent out sixty days before lapsed membership.
4. Sea Cadets: Jose Taboada – report delayed. President Slein followed up with Ensign Brittany DiPippo, USNSCC, after receiving Sea Cadets Press Release dated 3 August 2020. Things are going well in the Unit. President Slein requested that monetary needs be submitted to Walt Wasowski, Treasurer. We have money set aside in budget for Sea Cadets and will be prioritized. Walt will follow up with Commanding Officer LT Ashleigh Covey, USNR. President Slein will update Jose.

Old (Ongoing) Business

1. Web Site update – Rod Smith - Phase I accomplished. Modernized with aim of ease of updating, eye catching, colorful home page, work in progress. Next Phase will start next week. For example: mission statement, President’s message, units, sponsors, current events, relevant, up to date data going forward (less is more), recent newsletters. Rod will work with Tony Cercena on pictures. Detailed discussion followed. Board member Walt Wasowski noted

that Board Member Roy Callahan developed the current website for our council ten years ago and did a fantastic job which endured for a decade!

2. Annual Meeting scheduled for 14 September 2020. Officer Slate 2020-2022 as follows and will be announced by e mail to members asking for objections only.

President: RADM Michael White
Vice Pres: Robert Winneg
Secretary: Margaret Murray
Treasurer: Walter Wasowski
Membership: Leonard DiLorenzo

Events Chair: Pat Burke

3. Officer/Enlisted of the Year -TBD.
4. Coast Guard SOQ Events: 3 Cutters and Coast Guard Station Castle Hill – TBD. E mails sent to Commanding Officers – Sector SENE Captain Glander and CMDCM (D’Angelo). Response received from Ida Lewis, Oak, CG Station Castle Hill and Juniper.
5. CAPT and Mrs. Nicholson – Engraved plate presentation TBD. Possibly in person at the War College.
6. Community Affiliates: NFCU (Mike Slein); Wayfinder Hotel (Mike Slein); NETSIMCO (RADM White) – waiting for approval to schedule meetings with maximum number of guests. In process.

New Business

1. Updated letters to Kiwanis, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, etc. President Slein sent sample letter to Board for comments.
2. Wayfinder Hotel opening for events in September – President Slein will tour this week. Wyndham Hotel opening for 15 member meetings in August.

Schedule (August-September)

OCS Hi Moms: 20 August; 10 September; 29 September

Coast Guard SOQ –We are to deliver citations and Gift Cards to USCGC OAK this week for 2nd and 3rd Quarter SOQs.

Other Business

1. Update: New book by J. William Middendorf, former Secretary of the Navy, (long time member of Newport County Navy League) will be out 9 October 2020. The title of the book has been changed to: THE GREAT NIGHTFALL, How We Win the New Cold War.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2020, 1700, AT THE ATLANTIC RESORT (Virtual is backup if in-person not permitted)

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

